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## WORK IN THE TRIANGLE



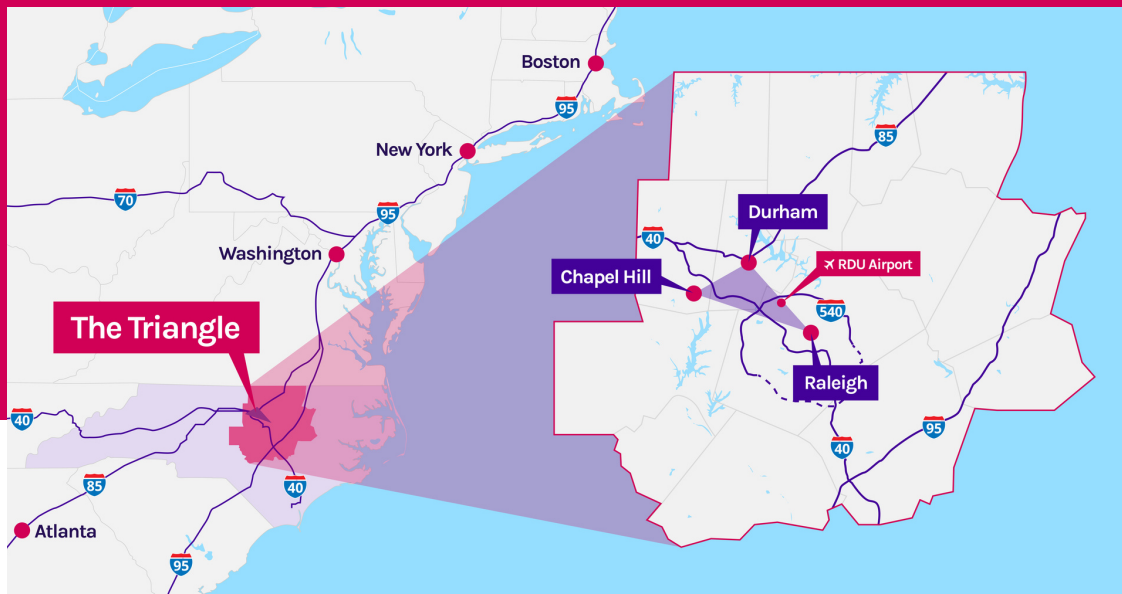


## Making Moves

There's a reason we're consistently rated as one of the top areas in the U.S. to live. The Raleigh-Durham area is literally the #1 fastest growing real estate market in the country, according to the Urban Land Institute's 2021 "Emerging Trends in Real Estate" report. Not surprising, as people head south for warmer climes, increased job opportunities, and an overall better quality of life.

Here you'll find an average year-round temp of 70 degrees, safe neighborhoods, a booming local economy, and that healthy housing market we just mentioned. With modern townhomes, suburban tract homes, urban apartments, and rural homes with plenty of breathing space, when you move to the Triangle you can choose the lifestyle you've always wanted.

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## Explore Our Unique Communities

Whether high-rise city living, two cars and a yard suburban living, or country living with no neighbors in sight, one of the best parts about living in the Triangle is the variety of community types. While all are part of the Triangle region, Durham County, Wake County, and Orange County all bring something special to the table. Within each of these unique counties is a broad range of neighborhoods, so you're guaranteed to find where you fit in best.

### Welcome Home, Wake

Wake County is home to 1.1M people and is growing more than twice as fast as the rest of the state. Composed of 12 different municipalities ranging from suburban living to city dwelling to rural life, Wake County has it all. Short commutes, easy access to nature, vibrant entertainment and shopping, and the largest public school system in the state all make for a great place to live.

### Get to Know the Bull City

You may have heard Durham referred to as the City of Medicine, home of Duke University and Duke University Hospital, but there is a lot more to the "Bull City." Durham prides itself on its diversity and inclusivity, vibrant culture, and pure grit. It is home to award-winning restaurants, its own minor league baseball team, and a thriving music and art scene.

### The Other Orange County

There's more to Orange County than UNC Chapel Hill! Carrboro and Hillsborough. Located on the Eno River, Hillsborough – the county seat – is a beautiful, small, historic town. Carrboro – easily one of the Triangle's hippest and most progressive communities – is a haven for artists and writers, filled with eclectic galleries, indie music venues and festivals, and restaurants.





## Diversity in the Triangle

One of the most unique and valuable aspects of the Triangle is its diversity and marked focus on diversity, equity and inclusion within our school and business communities. Here you'll find people working hard to foster and support inclusive spaces across all lines: race, gender, LGBTQ, veterans and disability.

The Triangle is a vibrant, eclectic mix of an estimated 2M people from all over the U.S. and the world. In Wake County, 40.6% of the population identifies as Black, Latinx, Asian, Native American, Multiracial, or Other. In Durham County, that number is 49.09%. This makes us one of the most racially and internationally diverse areas of the country.

## The Triangle DEI Alliance

The Triangle DEI Alliance is leading the effort to make the Triangle region the most diverse, equitable, and inclusive business environment in the country.







## Transportation

Located close to the midway point of the East Coast, the Triangle Region is only a few hours' drive away from major cities like Washington DC, Atlanta, and of course, Charlotte. We're also located right between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, so you never have to choose beach vs. mountains. Going farther? Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) has ten major airlines with 400+ daily flights. We're also located right on I-40 which runs straight through the country to California and close to I-95, which runs north-south on the East Coast.

While most residents rely on driving, Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill all offer local transit systems, providing bus service within each city and the surrounding area.

## Safety

We all want to feel safe in our homes and within our communities, which is why an area's safety is one of the most important things we consider when moving. Rest assured, communities in the Triangle are some of the safest in the nation. Raleigh and its surrounding communities regularly top the lists of community safety rankings, including being named WalletHub's 3rd safest state capital and 8th safest city in the U.S.. Nearby Cary ranks #4 on MoneyGeek's safest cities in America.

Safety is a community effort here in the Triangle. As Downtown Raleigh continues to grow and evolve, Downtown Raleigh Ambassadors serve to ensure a memorable and welcoming experience for those in our center city. Downtown Durham also has dedicated team of ambassadors at the ready to provide directions, jumpstart car batteries, and more!



## World-Class Healthcare in the Triangle

Home to three major medical centers, your health is in good hands in the Triangle. Durham and Chapel Hill are home to two of the nation's top medical teaching and research hospitals, and Duke University, respectively, while Raleigh is home to WakeMed Health & Hospitals. In addition, the US Department of Veteran's Affairs maintains the Durham VA Medical Center.

Not only are residents able to access an impressive range of healthcare services, such as those offered by UNC Healthcare and UNC Rex Hospital, our region is home to a number of medical and health-related companies and medical practices. Durham alone is home to more than 300, making it more than worthy of its moniker.

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## Fueling the Future

Within Wake, Durham and Orange Counties there are four separate K-12 public school systems: Wake County Public School System, Durham County Public Schools, Orange County School District, and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. These systems enroll a combined 213,000 students and offer an incredible range of educational opportunities. There are also nearly 50 charter schools and over 100 private schools, as well as international schools. For those looking for a non-traditional route, we've got accredited Montessori, Waldorf, and Emerson schools too. Wherever you choose, your kids will get a great education!

## Fast Facts

- With more than 161,900 students, Wake County is home to the largest public school system in North Carolina and 14th largest in the nation.
- Richly diverse and serving more than 32,000 students, Durham Public Schools offers traditional schools, magnet programs, year-round calendar schools, and small specialty high schools.
- The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School District was ranked the #1 school district in North Carolina by Niche in 2021
- The second of two school systems in Orange County, Orange County Public Schools serves just over 7,200 students.
- The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics is a public school that educates students from all 13 NC congressional districts and nearly all 100 NC counties across residential and online programs.



# Welcome to the Triangle

Your next chapter begins in the Triangle. Here, you'll find an average year-round temperature of 70 degrees, safe neighborhoods, a booming local economy, and a healthy housing market.

We have a great thing going here in the Triangle and want to keep that momentum. While you'll consistently see the region in those "Best Places to Live" lists, we understand that we have to be proactive in attracting and retaining our most important asset – people – to continue to flourish. This is why the Work in the Triangle initiative was created by Wake County Economic Development, in partnership with the Raleigh Chamber and other regional organizations. Think of us as a local friend who will give you the real deal on why you should move your life and career to the Triangle.



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